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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC ITEM 21: TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

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1. COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS MUST NOT BE HAMPERED IN ITS WORK BY HAVING A LAYER OF UNCTAD BETWEEN IT AND ECOSOC. AGREE THAT COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS SHOULD CONSULT WITH IMCO, ICAO AND, IF COMPROMISE NECESSARY, DELEGATION MAY AGREE TO ADDING SHIPPING COMMITTEE OF UNCTAD TO CURRENT WORDING OF AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT.

2. WE HOLD TO VIEW THAT NECESSITY FOR CONVENTION AT THIS TIME CAN BE STUDIED ONLY BY THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AS THE TECHNICALITY QUALIFIED BODY ESTABLISHED ON THE WORLD LEVEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERMODAL REGULATIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY SINGLE MODE GROUPS SUCH AS IMCO, ICAO, ADR, RID, OSJD, AND OTHERS. COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS CONSISTS OF

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM TEN COUNTRIES WHO ARE THE RECOGNIZED

EXPERTS WITH GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND REGULATORY ACTION IN EACH OF THE TEN COUNTRIES. WE DO NOT ACCEPT ARGUMENT THAT QUOTE A MORE TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY UNQUOTE IS NEEDED AS A LAYER BETWEEN THE EXPERTS COMMITTEE AND ECOSOC.

3. COMPROMISE MAY BE NEGOTIATED ONLY ALONG THESE LINES BUT MUST NOT REPEAT NOT WEAKEN THE POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN CARRYING OUT ITS TASK.

4. FOR MEXICO. DRAWING UPON BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENTATION SET OUT REFTEL, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GOM SUPPORT FOR COMPROMISE FORMULA (REFTEL PARA 6) UNLESS IN JUDGMENT OF EMBASSY SUCH APPROACH LIKELY TO BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP DURING CURRENT WEEK. INGERSOLL

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